GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS ON PAVEMENTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in collecting the information; and

(d) the time by which the said information is likely to be laid on the Table of the House?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. The NDMC had intimated that asexisting toilets in its area required renovation, it had constructed 40 toilets on BOT (Build, Operate, Transfer) basis which were being constructed on berms of the road and where road berms were inadequate, part of footpath have also been utilized, after taking due care to provide free pedestrian walk way. Approval of Delhi Urban Art commission (DUAC) had not been taken by NDMC for such construction. Officers of Delhi Urban Art commission and New Delhi Municipal Council carried out a joint inspection of all such toilets. According to the inspection report, most of the toilets have been reconstructed at the sites where these existed and footpath/pedestrian walk way has also been left. However, NDMChas been advised that in future construction of such toilets should be considered by them only after recommendation of the DUAC.

DUAC Act, 1973 gives sufficient powers to the Commission to discharge its functions, effectively. However, the need for cooperation between local bodies and DUAC has been emphasized to ensurepreservation, development and maintenance o f the aesthetic quality of urban and environmental design within Delhi.